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Rice on Radio Starting Friday In Assembly Race

George L. Rice, secretary of Monterey Culinary-Bartenders Union 483 and Democratic candidate for election to the State Assembly in November, will take to the airwaves this Friday night (9:30 to 9:45 p.m.) over Station KSBW in the first of a series of weekly broadcasts in behalf of his candidacy.

The first broadcast falls on the eve of V-J Day and will be devoted to a discussion of matters connected with the past war and with the current Korean situation.

Rice said his broadcasts would not be of a political nature but would be in the form of interviews with prominent county civic and community leaders. There will be one guest each week.

The broadcasts are being sponsored by the "Veterans for Rice Committee" and will be of county-wide interest.

All union members are asked to tune in to the Rice broadcasts each Friday evening and to tell their friends and neighbors of this opportunity to hear the Assembly candidate.

In the primary elections Rice won the Democratic nomination over incumbent Assemblyman James Silliman of Salinas. These two men will fight it out for election in the November balloting.

Mont. Plumbers Pick Zimmerman Business Agent

William J. Zimmerman, secretary of Plumbers Union 62 of Monterey, was elected also as business representative of the union at a special election last week. He succeeds Harry Foster, who has been representing Local 62 on a part time basis while also business agent for Sheet Metal Workers Union 304.

Zimmerman, who lives in Carmel, will have offices at the Building Trades Council headquarters, 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, and announced his office hours as 7:30 to 9:30 a. m., 12 to 1 p. m., and 4 to 5 p. m.

He is a deputy registrar of voters and will register any person who wishes to become eligible to vote in the important general election next November.

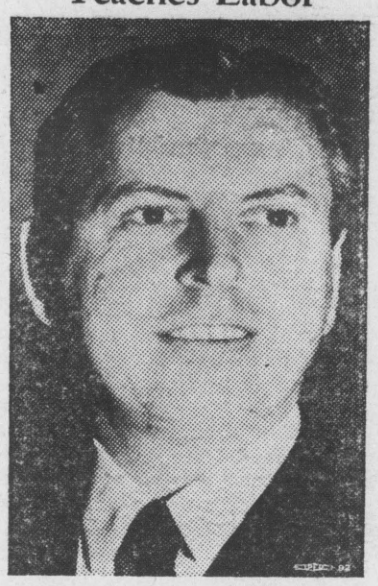
The new agent said a new contract for plumbers has been consummated with a wage scale established at $2.65½ per hour. Plumbers are needed for increasing work in Monterey, although the union has an ample number of pipe fitters at present, he added.

UNNAMED STORE AT CARMEL SIGNS CLERK CONTRACT

A market in Carmel, formerly the "Lucky Boy Market" but its new name to be decided through a contest now under way, has been signed to a union contract by Retail Clerks Union 839, Sec. Garold Miller reports.

Proprietor of the store is Walt Pilot, who also operates a fountain nearby. Also associated with the store operation is Mack McGammas, a former member of Butchers Union 506, according to Miller. The same crew as had been employed by the store originally is retained under the new management.

Teaches Labor



Chicago. — Frank McCallister directs Roosevelt College, the only school devoted exclusively and wholly to labor education.

Talent Hunt For Clerk Film Underway Here

Any retail clerk who can sing, dance, or who has any ability which would fit them for a part in a motion picture to be produced for Retail Clerks International Association may win fame and fortune through the "talent hunt" now underway in this area.

Retail Clerks Union 839 of Monterey County will select its entry in the nation-wide contest for talented members at the union's meeting on Wednesday night, September 13, at Salinas Woman's Civic Club building, Union Secretary Garold Miller announced.

Six talented persons are to be selected from the Southwest District of the RCIA to compete with like numbers from other districts for the final selection of one man and one woman for lead roles in a Hal Roach film production.

Expenses of local entrants to the international competition will be paid by the union or international.

The contest rules are simple, Miller said. The person, man or woman, must work as a clerk and must be a member of or join the Clerks Union, and he or she must have some talent which would be of value in a film production.

Anyone interested in more details should contact Miller at Retail Clerks Union 839, Glikbarg building, 6 West Gabilan Street, Salinas, telephone 4938. Interested parties do not necessarily have to be union member to secure information, he added.

SALINAS LABOR DANCE SATURDAY

All organized labor in Salinas will participate in the Labor Day dance sponsored by the Monterey County Central Labor Union, the dance scheduled Saturday evening, 9 to 1, at The Bird's Nest, at the Salinas Airport.

Johnny Wade's orchestra was assigned to play for the dance, which, if successful, may become an annual event for Salinas labor, according to A. J. Clark, secretary of the labor council.

Arrangements for the dance were made by the council trustees, including Lillian Johnson, Randolph Fenchel and Robert Shinn. Advance sale of tickets was reported as heavy.

Are You Registered?

Grade Crossing Need Studied By Utility Body

If farmers want to save their lives and protect their families from sudden death or accident where private or farm-to-market roads force them to cross unguarded railroad track, they are going to have to organize county by county, according to Mrs. Grace McDonald, executive secretary, California Farm Research and Legislative Committee who just took part in a conference called by the Public Utilities Commission in San Francisco, August 17.

The conference was called to discuss the best method of deciding which railroad grade crossing should come first in a program to build under-or over-passes under proposed State legislation which, for the first time in California history, is expected to provide sufficient funds to get present death traps and bottlenecks done away with.

Only two counties, Los Angeles and Santa Clara, have organized to alert cities, farm, labor and business organizations to the point of deciding on their own priorities for immediate separation. Both these committees were given representation on a body to select some 500 crossings in California for separation through a formula based on accidents, traffic congestion, speed of trains, and other pertinent factors.

Also appointed by J. C. Hunter, PUC Chief Engineer who presided at the meeting were representatives of the SP, WP, Santa Fe and Pacific Electric Railway of Los Angeles, the League of California Cities, Chambers of Commerce of the Peninsula which has carried on an aggressive campaign for an effective state law, and engineers of the PUC and State Highway Commission. The Dolwig and Weber Interim Committees which have aroused public opinion and gathered valuable data as a basis for introducing bills to wipe out the railroad grade crossing menace, will have ex-officio representation on the PUC priority selecting body.

All who spoke agreed there must be new legislation to provide funds and place responsibility for actual construction. This has been the log jam for the past 60 years, spokesmen for the cities of Pomona and Los Angeles said. Mrs. McDonald maintained that a priority formula that took into consideration only city traffic jams, critical as those have become with railroads cutting metropolitan and rural towns in half, would not solve the problems for the unincorporated areas where most of the tragedies occur.

She and others recognized that scores of private farm roads would have to be closed but not until plans had been carried out for connecting these farms through secondary roads parallel with the highways and providing under or over passes at convenient intervals across the right of way.

It is for this reason, the California Farm Research and Legislative Committee maintains, that farmers have a job to do with their boards of supervisors in getting them to immediately study the problem of present hazardous crossing in unincorporated areas looking toward a long range plan for secondary roads and separation of railroad tracks from traffic.

"Our Committee," Mrs. McDonald stated, "feels that the August 17 PUC conference was a big step in the direction of solving our seriously neglected grade crossing problem. No longer does the PUC say that separations are too costly to be seriously considered on a state-wide basis. Now the question is placed before a special committee to choose some 500 crossings for immediate separation. No longer is the PUC satisfied with the present irresponsibility of the state for getting the job done. Legislation to provide state funds and place a portion of the cost on the railroads is on the order of the day."

Monterey Labor Council To Install New Officers At Dinner Party Tuesday

Prominent leaders in labor and civic affairs will be on hand when the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council installs newly elected officers at a big dinner party next Tuesday evening at Biff's El Estero, in Monterey, starting at 6:30.

Congressman Jack Shelley of San Francisco heads the list of invited guests. Shelley has signified intention to attend if Congress is in recess at this time.

Others among the guests will include George Miller Jr., state senator from Contra Costa County, who will speak briefly on "Labor and State Politics," and Thomas A. Small, State Federation of Labor vice president, who will serve as installing officer.

Guests also will include J. H. Morgan, district vice president of the California State Council of Culinary Workers and Bartenders; Ed Kennedy, associate publisher of the Monterey Peninsula Herald; Ford Warner, of Radio Station KMBY, and many others from throughout northern California.

All official accredited delegates to the Labor Council will be guests of the Labor Council at the dinner. Wives and other union members, while invited, must pay the cost of their dinners, it was announced. Any union member or official in the area may attend.

It was pointed out that Monterey labor will have no formal Labor Day observance this year and a big attendance of union officials and members at the installation dinner was urged to show the unity existing.

New council officers are headed by E. E. Winters, of the Typographical Union, who was re-elected council president, and Andrew Butrica, of the Laborers Union, who succeeds Wayne Edwards as council secretary-treasurer.

City Praises Labor Disaster Progress Here

High compliments have been given by city councilmen and officials to the AFL Disaster Preparedness Committee program and progress at Salinas, according to leaders in the committee.

J. B. McGinley, committee chairman, and Alfred J. Clark, committee secretary, have been praised for their efforts in co-ordinating organizations into a master plan for labor's activity in event of a disaster in Salinas.

Progress of the AFL committee has been great, although a few labor unions have not signified in writing their willingness to participate in the program, Clark said.

The master plan is being redrafted by the committee at present to make it more comprehensive and more workable.

First-aid courses will be given union leaders and members at once by the Red Cross chapter at Salinas. Enough have been signed for the first such course and a second course is being arranged, Clark said.

Blood donors are being lined up also by the committee and by the Red Cross, the blood to be sent to Korea for use by soldiers at the front, Clark added. Persons interested in donating blood for Korea should contact the Central Labor Union (7787) or call the Red Cross office.

FISH CANNERS REPORT GAINS; 2,500 WORKING

Members of Fish Cannery Workers Union at Monterey won a wage increase of 12 cents per hour and maintained excellent working condictions in the new contract signed last week after approval by the union membership.

The wage increase applied to all classifications of work, union officials said.

On the first day the workers returned to the jobs after a 19-day strike, some 2500 were busy packing and processing a good catch of sardines, it was announced.

There was no fishing over the past weekend, due to the "light of the moon" and fogs but boats were expected to resume fishing on Wednesday of this week.

Metal Workers Settle Strike

The strike of Sheet Metal Workers Union 304 at Monterey and Castroville was ended last week with the union winning its vacation demands, Business Agent Harry Foster reports.

Under the paid vacation plan, members receive one day of vacation for each two months they work, the computing to be retroactive to January 1. The union's $2.50 hourly pay rate was continued.

Area Carpenter Council Meets Tues., Sept. 12

Next meeting of the Monterey Bay Area District Council of Carpenters will be held at Walker's Signal Cafe, Highway 101 south, at Salinas on Tuesday, September 12.

Salinas Carpenters Union 925 is host to this meeting, at which further organizational steps will be taken, according to Harvey Baldwin, business agent of Local 925.

Representatives of unions in Salinas, Monterey, King City, Santa Cruz and Watsonville will be present at the meeting.

FEINBERG NAMED

New York.—William Feinberg, former secretary of the AFL American Federation of Musicians Local 802, has been appointed a member of the national advisory committee of the American Field Service International Scholarships which awards scholarships to young people in free countries to spend a year in study in the United States.

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Urge Repeal of No-Strike Statute

Albany, N. Y. (LPA.—The Civil Service Employees Association, Inc. has called for repeal of the state law prohibiting strikes by public employees. The group, charging the Condon-Wadlin law was "unjustly discriminatory," asked both the Republican and Democratic parties to urge its repeal. The CSEA has had a no-strike policy for 40 years.

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World Labor Marks American Labor Day

(Labor Day Greetings from International Conference of Free Trade Unions)

Brussels, Belgium.—On this, our first Labor Day, we greet American labor.

This first Labor Day since the founding of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions marks also the first Labor Day to find virtually the whole of American labor united in an international organization with workers throughout the world.

We send our fraternal greetings to the working people of the United States and Canada on behalf of our more than 50,000,000 members in 53 different countries, and we are certain that many millians more would join us in these greetings were they not prevented by dictatorial governments from belonging to unions of their own choice.

We stand for economic and political democracy for all and a worthy status for every worker-citizen. Never can we make a reality of that great principle—the brotherhood of man — without equality of status and opportunity for all, regardless of race, origin or belief.

We want real peace. Most urgently of all we want peace for the people of Korea who are the victims of communist aggression in a systematic plan to enlarge the totalitarian sphere of influence. We believe that the existing machinery of the United Nations for the maintenance of peace was adequate for the purpose, provided the abuse of the veto were ended.

We join with the sincere lovers of peace everywhere — among whom we proudly count the American labor movement—in bending all efforts to uphold the forces of the United Nations and to repel the aggressors against the Korean people.

We stand with American labor in its struggle for full employment and real social security, in its unceasing vigilance against the shackles of hostile labor legislation, and in its claims to a strong and worthy voice in the higher councils of government.

We especially commend American labor for its generous and farsighted support of Marshall Plan aid to war-stricken Europe and of aid to the under-developed countries — lands where starvation threatens to drive the people into the arms of the dictators. Only a prosperous people can remain a free people.

The struggle between democracy and dictatorship will be decided by the speed with which the democratic world can help the crowded, poverty stricken peoples to stand on their own feet.

In this great struggle, history has now placed in the vanguard the American labor movement. From Samuel Gompers' humble office in New York City, American labor has grown to the size of a giant comprising more than 17,000,000 organized workers—in the United States and Canada—a labor movement constructive, powerful and progressive.

In this struggle for a better life, both in the old world and in the new, we of the world labor movement are proud to be associated with American labor and confident of the great role that it shall play.

Senate Group OK's Bulk of Truman's Tax Proposals

Washington (LPA).—The bulk of President Truman's emergency tax increase requests have been approved by the Senate Finance Committee.

Expected to reach the Senate floor about August 18 or 19 is a bill which boosts corporation tax rates from 38 to 45 per cent, increases individual income tax rates and retains most of the sales type taxes imposed during World War II which earlier had been tentatively removed in the House draft of the 1950 tax bill.

The Senators will receive proposals for an excess profits tax when the bill reaches the floor, but earlier it was not approved by the committee. President Truman has proposed waiting until a special session of Congress after the November elections to act on such a tax on war profits.

The President's emergency request, to meet by increased taxes as much as possible of the $16 billion he's proposing to spend in additional defense measures, would increase the government's income by about $5 billions a year. The supporters of the excess profits tax say that $5 billions is not enough to "pay as you go" and say their proposal would net another $5 billions if levied on 1950 corporation profits which are in excess of the average profits earned by a company in 1947-1949.

In the Finance Committee, an effort was made to limit the tax increases for families in lower income brackets, so that the brunt of the tax boost would fall on higher income families. The move failed.

If the rates are put into effect, an individual would pay these taxes in 1950 and 1951.

PROPOSED LAW

Withholding taxes would be taken out of pay checks at the rate of 18 per cent for a worker without dependents, in place of the 15 per cent now deducted starting with pay checks after October 1, 1950.

Washington Union Buys New Headquarters

Washington (LPA).—The National Federation of Federal Employees, which is proud of its claim of being "the oldest and largest organization of public employees in the western hemisphere," has bought the house now occupied by "Changing Times," magazine owned by Willard Kiplinger. The new national headquarters will replace rented space in the building owned by "Labor," newspaper of the railroad brotherhoods.

Scientists for many decades have been trying to find out the number and kind of bacteria in the soil; the relatively recent discovery of penicillin gave new impetus to their work.

WALKER STARTS ACTIVE DRIVE THRU DISTRICT

Congressional candidate Marion R. Walker of Ventura, making his bid to represent the 11th Congressional District, last week began actively campaigning for the November election.

Optimistic after the tally of votes in the primaries which eliminated John Walsh and left only he and incumbent Ernest K. Bramblett in the field, Walker made the following statement today:

"For the wonderful support given me in the primaries, I offer the people of this district heartfelt thanks and a pledge to them all, regardless of party affiliations, to do the best possible job in Congress not only for this district but for our country as a whole.

"Today's critical developments demand that we keep pace politically, socially and morally with speedily changing conditions. This is what challenged me to be your candidate for Congress in 1950. I feel it is the responsibility of us all to develop a Democracy geared to meet the needs of this changing era; and that is why I pledge myself to the attainment of this goal."

Walker has been speaking to groups in Santa Maria, San Luis Obispo and Monterey County. This following week he plans to tour Santa Barbara county, scheduling talks on housing and foreign affairs.

He is being accompanied on the tour by John Pinkerton, executive secretary of the Marion R. Walker for Congress committee.

Laborers Boost Initiation Fee

Effective September 1, the initiation fee for laborers joining the local AFL Laborers Union will be raised to $37, with $2 from each such fee going to the Northern California District Council of Laborers.

Union officials said the increase was placed in effect by the district council with the $2 in the form of an assessment on the union for each new member. The new fee was adopted unanimously at the last district council meeting.

How Home Owners Can Use Basements

If you divide your basement, it will be neater, more pleasant place, advises the National Association of Home Builders. The coal bin and/or furnace may be separated by a partition from the rest of the basement, which can then be used as a laundry, summer dining room, recreation room, play room for the children, or other purposes.

A storage room for garden tools, bicycles and sports equipment will keep those articles in better condition and more accessible.

The partitions may be of wallboard, lumber, brick, tile, or concrete, depending upon the wishes of the owner regarding permanence and cost.

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BARBERS 827—Meets 3rd Tuesday at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., at 8 p.m. Pres., J. N. Butler, Jr., 418 Monterey St., phone 4110; Sec.-Treas., N. H. Freeman, 36 W. Alisal St., phone 9782.

BARTENDERS 545 — Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 8 p. m. at Salinas Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St. Sec.-Bus. Agt., Al J. Clark, 117 Pajaro St., phone 4633. Pres., Virgil K. Knight, office 117 Pajaro St. Phone 4633.

BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY — Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 8 p.m. at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey. Pres., William K. Grubbs, 76 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove. Rec. Sec., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina, phone Mont. 2-3002. Bus. Agt., John R. Martins. Salinas office, 274 East Alisal, phone 2-1603; Monterey office, 315 Alvarado, phone 5-6744.

BUTCHERS 506 (Salinas Branch)—Meets 1st Monday at Carpenters Hall at 8 p.m. Pres., Clark Bannert, 1209 1st Ave., phone 2-0720. Bus. Agt., E. L. Courtright, 1881 Jonathan Ave., San Jose, CYpress 5-3849. **Hollister-Gilroy Officers:** Pres., Richard Santa, 122 Vine St., Hollister, phone 392; Rec.-Sec., Harold Johnson, Rte. 2, Box 139, Hollister, phone 43F5.

CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR—C. J. Haggerty, Secretary & Legislative Representative, 810 David Hewes Bldg., 995 Market St., San Francisco 3; phone SUtter 1-2838. **District Vice-President, Thomas A. Small,** office 306 Seventh Ave., San Mateo; phone Diamond 3-6984.

CARPENTERS 925—Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., Carpenters Hall. Pres., Herbert Nelson. Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Harvey Baldwin, 556 San Benito, phone Salinas 6716, Rec. Sec., A. O. Miller, Hall and office, 1422 N. Main St., phone 9293.

CARPENTERS 1279 (King City)—Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays at King City Carpenters Hall. Pres., Bill Young, phone 376-J. Sec., A. W. Heiger, 411 South San Lorenzo Ave., phone 694-W.

CARPENTERS AUXILIARY 373—Meets 2nd Tuesdays, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Herbert Nelson, 32 Paloma St., phone 5187; sec., Mrs. Frank Wenzanger, 145 Alton Rd., phone 21156; Bus. Agt., Mrs. Lewis Ball, 140 Linden St., phone 4603. Office at Carpenters Hall, 422 N. Main, phone 9293.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION (Monterey County), Salinas—Meets every Friday at 8 p.m., at 117 Pajaro St. Pres., R. A. Wood. Sec.-Treas., Alfred J. Clark, office at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 7787.

CULINARY ALLIANCE 467—Meets 2nd Monday at 2:30 p. m. and 4th Monday at 8:00 p. m. at Salinas Labor Temple. Pres., Alan Meeks; Sec., Berna Boles. Office, Glikbarg Bldg., 6 West Gabilan St., phone 6209.

DRY CLEANERS 258-B—Meets 2nd Thurs- Pres., Wm. Nuelle, 1027 Del Monte St., phone 2-3390. Sec.-Treas., Josephine Jones, 674 E. Market, phone 2-0871; Receiver, Lawrence Palacios, 2940 16th St., San Francisco, phone MA. 1-3336.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 243—Meets 1st Wednesdays; Executive Board, 3rd Wednesday, 117 Pajaro St. Pres., Alvin Esser, Baldwin Trailer Court, phone 2-3273. Fin. Sec. and Bus. Mgr., Karl E. Ozols, office 117 Pajaro St., phone 2-2880.

ENGINEERS (Stationary) 39—Meets 3rd Wednesday, 117 Pajaro, Salinas, 8 p.m. Pres., Frank Brantley; Sec., Leo J. Derby; Mgr., C. C. Fitch; Bus. Agt., R. A. Christiansen, Rm. 465, Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone CYpress 2-6393. Main office, 3004 16th St., San Francisco, phone UNderhill 1-1135.

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JOINT EXECUTIVE BOARD, Bartenders 545 and Culinary Alliance 467—Meets 2nd Wednesdays 2 p.m. at Labor Temple. Pres. Berna A. Boles, phone 6209; Sec., A. J. Clark, 117 Pajaro St., phone 4633.

LABORERS 272—Meets 2nd Monday at 8 p.m. at 117 Pajaro St. Pres., R. Fenchel, 146 Hitchcock Rd., phone 5810, office 6333. Sec., J. F. Mattos, 102 Toro, phone 6777. Bus. Agt., J. B. McGinley, Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6777.

LATHERS 122—Meets 3rd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Roy R. Benge, Hilby St., Monterey. Sec., Ronald Hodges, 612 Wilson St., Salinas, phone 2-2906. Bus. Agt., John R. Martins, office 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 2-1603.

LAUNDRY WORKERS 258 — Meets 3rd Thursday at Salinas Labor Temple, at 7:30 p. m. Pres., Hazel Skewes, 1314 2nd Ave., Sec.-Treas., Grace MacMossie, 59-1st Ave. Receiver, Lawrence Palacios, 2940 16th St., San Francisco. Phone MA. 1-3336. Office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6209.

MECHANICS AND MACHINISTS 1824 — Meets 1st Tuesday; Executive Board, 2nd Thursday, Labor Temple, 8 p. m. Pres., Alex Day, res. 611 Doss Ave., phone 2-3775; Fin. Sec., L. W. Parker, 1429 Wiren St., phone Salinas 9494.

PAINTERS 1104—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 117 Pajaro St., 7:30 p.m. Pres., Walter Ebel, 530 Park St., phone 2-2984. Rec. Ses., L. Wendelkin, 1115 Juanita Blvd. Fin. Sec. and B. A., Peter A. Greco, 417 Lincoln Ave. Office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 8783.

PLASTERERS 763—Meets 4th Thursday, Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Ray T. Jones, 146 Pine St., phone 5530. Sec., C. R. Pendergrass, 210 Dennis, phone 2-1553. Bus. Agt., John R. Martins, office, 117 Pajaro, phone 2-1603.

PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS 503—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, Salinas Moose Hall, 7:30 p.m.; (Ex. Board meets every Tuesday, 7 p.m.) Pres., Carl Littvin; Fin. and Rec. Sec., John W. Drew; Bus. Agt., E. R. Arbuckle. Office at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., phone 2-3517.

POSTAL CARIERS 1046 — Meets every 3rd Wednesday, Civic Club, 8 p.m. Pres., J. H. Fischer, 12B Mercer Way, Sec. H. C. Schielke, 636 El Camino Real No., phone 7080.

PRESSMEN 328 (Monterey Bay Area Printing Pressmen & Ass'ts. Union)—Meets 3rd Monday of month at Salinas at 8 p.m. Pres., Harry Wingard 950 Colton, Monterey; Sec.-Treas., Robert P. Meders, 151 Toro Ave., Salinas.

RETAIL CLERKS 839—Meets 2nd Wednesday, Women's City Club, 8 p.m. Pres., Charles Smith, Box 703, Monterey, Sec. and Bus. Agt., Garold F. Miller, 831 Beach St., Salinas, phone 2-3366. Office, 6 W. Gabilan St., Room 1, phone 4938.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 2nd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Donald King, 106 Irving, Monterey, phone 3014; Sec.-Treas., John Murphy, 616 Elm St., Rt. 1, Monterey.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Monterey, Hawthorne and Prescott streets, and at Salinas at Carpenters Hall, 1422 N. Main St., and at Watsonville and Santa Cruz. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.) Pres., John Alsop, P.O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 7825. Rec. Sec., Ray Kabal, Box 250, Boulder Creek; Fin. Sec., R. W. Beckennower, Box 815, Watsonville; Bus. Rep., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina. Office phone Monterey 6744.

STATE, COUNTY, MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES 420—Meets on call. Pres., H. E. Lyons, 15 West St., Salinas; Sec.-Treas., W. P. Karaich, 20 Natividad Rd., Salinas, phone 2-2691.

SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS 20616—Meets 2nd and 4th Mondays, Firemen's Hall at 8 p. m. Pres., Frank Hughes, Spreckels. Sec.-Treas., Robert S. MacRossie, Spreckels, phone 3064. Rec. Sec., Louis Ferreira.

TEACHERS 1020—Meets on call. Sec. Fred Clayson, 70 Robley Road, Corral de Tierra, Salinas, Phone 3045.

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TYPOGRAPHICAL 543 — Meets last Sunday of month alternating between Salinas and Watsonville. Pres., D. R. Harrison. Sec.-Treas., A. C. Davis, 109 Prospect St., Watsonville, phone 959J.

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Corporations Report Abnormal Profits

New York. — American corporations are piling up the lushest profits in history.

Even before the war profiteering began, most companies had experienced the biggest six-months profits in their existence, but still they moan about the wickedness of a wartime excess profits tax.

Latest reports show that the profits of Philco Corp. for the first six months of 1950 are 234 per cent over the same period of 1949.

Goodyear profits were up 46 per cent. B. F. Goodrich profits were up 39 per cent.

Eastman Kodak reported profits up 21 per cent on an increase in sales of less than one per cent.

Western Union converted a loss of $3,672,241 in the first six months of 1949 to a profit of $3,206,300 for the first six months of 1950.

Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corp. reported a drop in sales for the 12 months ended May 31, 1950, but the earnings for the three months ended May 31 were the highest in its history. The figure was $4,053,683, against the comparable period a year ago of $2,769,209.

Food Fair Stores reported earnings of 61½ per cent over last year.

In Union Circles

J. B. McGinley, business agent of Salinas Laborers Union 272, has a date with a hospital next week for a minor operation, his friends report. He is expected to be off the job for several weeks.

Painters Union 1104 will start supplying men to Fort Roberts, reactivated Army base near Paso Robles, as soon as the work of rehabilitating the camp is concluded, it was announced.

E. R. Arbuckle, business manager of Salinas Plumbers and Steamfitters Union 503, was enjoying a brief vacation last weekend. His plans for the three-day period were not divulged.

BE SURE TO REGISTER BEFORE SEPTEMBER 14—then you can vote in November!

New delegates to the labor council at Salinas are E. Hannaman, of Carpenters Union 925, and Mildred Putman, office secretary of Culinary 467 and Clerks 839, who is delegate from Office Employees Union 94.

Strike by General Teamsters Union 890 of Monterey County against van, storage and transfer companies at Monterey for a new contract was being continued last weekend. Details were not announced.

The absent-minded professor and his wife left their apartment to attend a lecture. While the wife pressed the elevator button the professor felt the top of his head.

"Wait a minute, dear," he exclaimed. "I forgot my hat."

He went back to his apartment and was gone for several minutes. When he finally rejoined his wife at the elevator, he was still without his hat.

His wife eyed her husband's bare head.

"Where is your hat?" she asked.

The professor's eyes widened.

"My goodness!" he cried. "Did I forget that too?"

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EDITORIALS

FREEING OF BRIDGES

Regardless of how much many of our people may be in disagreement with the views of Harry Bridges, the recent action, by a majority decision of the U. S. Court of Appeals, freeing him from jail under the circumstances he had been sent there, does meet with general approval.

Whenever the machinery of the law is used, in violation of the law itself, to deprive any citizen of his constitutional rights, something is happening that endangers the freedom of all the rest of us. If such judicial acts are to be countenanced, as were resorted to in order to put Bridges in jail at this time, our law would have ceased to rest on the Constitution of the United States and its Bill of Rights.

For courts to enjoy the confidence and respect of the average American they must conduct themselves so as to deserve that respect. The same applies to our government and the Attorney General of the United States. Just because our daily press is seething with various forms of hysteria does not justify any judge or other representative of the government in giving in to it.

If free speech is to mean anything at all, people who disagree with us must have the same right to express their honest opinions that we want to express our own views. Our higher courts have thus far quite uniformly recognized this.

SMEAR CAMPAIGN OF G.O.P.

It is becoming clearer every day that the larger portion of the daily press and the entire machinery of the Republican Party is being swung into line to attempt to carry the coming election with a gigantic smear campaign.

The McCarthy outburst in the Senate, which ended up in that body finding that his charges were "a hoax and a fraud," is the kind of stuff that is to be used from now on to smear everybody who stands in the way of a G. O. P. victory this coming election.

Ridiculous and disgusting as this may seem, it is truly remarkable how many people there are who fall for such nonsense. The sole purpose back of this dirty campaign now shaping itself is to get control of Congress and as many state governments as possible, the objective being to get control of the law-making power in order to maintain the foundation to destroy organized labor that is already established by the Taft-Hartley law and other anti-labor legislation.

Let the men and women of labor make no mistake about the political situation that confronts them. Only a very few of the present leaders of the Republican Party are friendly or even fair to labor. The fact that so many of them are resorting to smears as their chief hope for victory proves that they are desperate. That is one of the chief methods used by fascists to get control. When they get in they do as they please.

SOCIAL SECURITY ENLARGED

At long last our social security law has been both enlarged and the amounts to be paid increased. As a result fully twenty-five per cent more old people will be covered, while the benefits will be materially larger than they are at present. In most cases the amount will be nearly double what it has been.

Under the new law, which will be put in operation on October 1st for those receiving any form of today's social security, and January 1st the law just adopted will be made to apply from that date on to the something like ten million additional people who will then be added to the present social security roll.

Although the present law contains the obnoxious Knowland amendment, that is a matter which can be eliminated later if the people will elect enough Congressmen who are right with the people. The important fact is that the law, as adopted, contains a great many improvements over what we had before. The fact that the politicians have given in and made it law proves that they realize our people wanted something like this done and that failure to enact the amended law would be followed by evil repercussions for them if they failed to keep their promises, which most of them had made, to add more to this law which so many people today recognize is badly needed.

High wages of today buys less than half of what the same number of dollars bought a generation ago. The only fair way to measure a man's pay is by how much he can buy with it.

JOKES, Etc.

Bobby and Billy Jones were being interviewed by their new teacher, who, finding they were born on the same day and in the same year, remarked smilingly:

"Oh, so you are twins?"

"Oh, no miss, we're not twins!" Bobby said firmly.

"But people born on the same day and in the same year are always called twins," the teacher explained.

"But we are not twins," persisted Billy, "we're what's left of triplets."

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Many have been ruined by their fortunes, and many have escaped ruin by the want of fortune.—Zimmerman.

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A Texas cowpuncher spending the week-end in town decided to go to church. He was very much impressed by the sermon and went up to the minister and said:

"Brother Jones that was a damn good sermon."

The preacher, taken aback, thanked him for the compliment and explained that such language was not to be used in the church.

"Well, that may be true," replied the cowboy, "but it was a damn good sermon anyway and I was so impressed by it that I put $500 in the collection plate."

The minister exclaimed: "The hell you did!"

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"Madam," said the absent-minded professor, "what are you doing in my bed?"

"I like your bed, I like your house and I like your neighborhood," said the woman. "And, furthermore, I'm your wife."

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Uncle Remus says: "An income is an amount of money which always turns out to be a little less than your expenses."

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"Jake," said the teacher, "what is a tid-bit?"

"I can't define it," said the farmer boy, "but I've seen many a calf get kicked hell out of on account of it."

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Thought for today: A man's true wealth is the good he does in this world.

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"What was the hardest thing you learned at the University?" asked the proud papa.

"How to open pop bottles with a quarter," answered the son.

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The maid knocked at her mistress's bedroom door as she went to bed and said, "The master's locked up for the night, ma'am."

"Thank you, Mary; he must have been very quiet—I didn't even hear him come in," was the sleepy reply.

"Oh, he hasn't come in, ma'am," Mary answered, "the police have just telephoned."

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"How far is it to the next filling station?" the driver asked a farmer.

"Nigh onto two miles as the crow flies."

"Well, how far is it if the crow has to walk and roll a flat tire?"

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It is the will, and not the gift, that makes the giver.—Lessing.

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"Good grief," said the city slicker. "Why did they put the depot so far from the town?"

"I dunno," said the local yokel, "unless they wanted to get the depot just as close as possible to the railroad."

Many Cities Asking For Housing Funds

Washington — Reservations of capital grant funds under the 1949 Slum Clearance and Urban Redevelopment program have been made on proposed slum clearance projects for 201 localities in the continental United States and insular possessions.

Reservations are made on requests by governing bodies of local communities, which certify in official resolutions that the communities intend to proceed by July 1, 1951, with projects qualified for federal aid under terms of Title I of the Housing Act of 1949.

Every Home Faces Problem of Aging

Washington.—Older people constitute the most rapidly growing portion of our population. In 1850, one out of 38 Americans was over 65; in 1900, the proportion was 1 out of 25, and today it is 1 out of 13.

That's why President Truman directed Federal Security Administration Oscar R. Ewing to find out all he can about the aging U. S. population.

AFL representatives participated in the August conference on the subject held by Mr. Ewing.

"In the old days," Mr. Ewing said in announcing the conference, "Grandma and Grandpa had an active role in the family's affairs. Grandpa was always able to help with the chores, and Grandma with the cooking and sewing.

"Today, in the cramped quarters in which most families live, the older people find themselves more and more left out of things. This is not good for them, nor is it good for their families. It is not good for the country either.

"Every home and every family is in some way affected by this change. All of us, barring misfortune, will be old people ourselves sooner or later.

"We do not consider ourselves problems now, and we should not have to consider ourselves problems in our later years. Neither do we look forward with relish to being relegated to the scrap heap. The dream of the average American is to be able to grow old gracefully, with security, contentment and dignity. He also wants to be able to continue as an independent, contributing members of his community.'

Mr. Ewing wants to help achieve those objectives.

Truman Asks Congress Not to Cut Powers to Control Inflation

Washington.—President Truman issued a warning to Congress that he was "much concerned" over the details of the Defense Controls Bill on which Congress is working.

In a letter to Vice President Barkley, the President complained that the powers for which he asked on July 19 were being "whittled down in certain important respects."

Already, he noted, controls of commodity speculation and of credit on existing housing had been eliminated from both the House and Senate versions of the measure.

He declared that the "price and wage controls which the Congress proposes to add" might be "so circumscribed by a host of detailed limitations and provisos as to confuse and hamper administration should it become necessary to invoke them."

"It would be tragic," the President asserted, "if the Congress were to reject control we need right now, while voting standby measures which could neither do the current job nor be applied successfully to the contingencies which may arise."

The President said that "our chief problem now is to increase defense production, in an economy already running close to capacity, without bringing on inflation." "Our aim should be to check inflation at its source," he added. "The production aids and credit controls which I have recommended to the Congress are vital for this purpose."

He warned that "the enactment of inflexible, patchwork controls would be a dangerous deception" and voiced his "earnest hope that the Senate will reject the numerous special-purpose amendments proposed for the price control provisions of the bill." He urged "strongly that the Senate approve the full range of powers" he recommended on July 19.

CLEVELAND HAIRCUTS UP

Cleveland, O. (ILNS)—Members of the Journeymen Barbers, Hairdressers and Cosmetologists International Union and the Employers' Guild voted to increase the price of a haircut from $1 to $1.25 and a shave from 65 cents to 75 cents. Cleveland haircut prices were raised to $1 in 1946. The 1940 cost was 50 cents.

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New Security Law Is Signed By Pres. Truman

Here is what happened to old-age and survivors insurance in the East Bay area when President Truman signed the 1950 amendments to the Social Security Act.

All monthly insurance checks now being paid to the 25,150 social security beneficiaries in the three counties administered by the Oakland Field Office will be raised substantially, begining with the September checks, according to Victor C. Broome, Manager of the local office. Broome explained that these automatic increases, for September, are scheduled to reach local beneficiaries during the first week of October. Increases will range from about 50% to about 100%. For example, the average primary benefit of approximately $26 per month for a retired worker will be increased to about $46. A widow with two children who had been receiving $55 per month will now receive about $110 altogether.

Manager Broome said that under the old terms of the social security law the 25,150 beneficiaries in this area would have received about $581,522 (total) for the month of September. Under the new increases, however, total payments for September are estimated to be about $1,048,263, or an immediate increase of some $966,741 monthly in insurance benefits to this area.

Under the new law the amount of earnings which a beneficiary may make in a month, and still accept his insurance payment for that month, is raised from $14.99 to $50. This applies to beneficiaries under age 75, and for earnings in a job covered by social security. After attaining age 75, a beneficiary may have any amount of earnings and still accept his insurance checks.

Approximately 9,700,000 more people may have old-age and survivors insurance under the revised law. For most of the new groups, coverage will be mandatory after January 1, 1951. However, employees of nonprofit charitable, religious, and educational institutions will come under social security only if the employer chooses and if two-thirds of the employees express a wish to participate. Employees of State and local governments may have social security coverage on an optional basis but the State government must take the initiative if it chooses to participate. An estimated 2,050,000 workers are in the two groups subject to optional participation in the program.

Mr. Broome estimated that California would have approximately the following numbers of newly covered workers under social nonfarm workers, 130,000 farm workers, 58,000 household workers in private homes. There are about 130,000 employees of the State and local governments in their counties who might be covered if the State chose.

A very important aspect of the new legislation is the more liberal qualifying conditions. Broome pointed out that any individual now age 65 or more who has at least six "quarters of coverage" may be immediately eligible for monthly benefit payments. It has been estimated that about 750,000 old people in the United States may qualify for insurance payments under this clause. Many aged persons may now claim benefits even though they have not been employed long enough to qualify under the former requirements. Broome said that this would affect a considerable number of aged persons in this area who had once filled claims for social security benefits but had not at that time been able to qualify. The social security office here has been reviewing records for several weeks to screen as many of these persons as possible and will send letters notifying them that benefits may now be payable if the claim is renewed.

Other persons not yet age 65—those now 63 and over—will also only need six quarters of coverage—roughly a year and a half of employment covered by social security—to be insured upon reaching age 65 and retiring. A sliding scale requires longer employment for those reaching age 65 after 1953, but in no case will a person be required to have more than ten years of employment under social security in order for benefits to be payable.

It is possible for newly-covered workers to become insured for survivors benefits in as little time as a year and a half under another provision of the law.

The new definition of "employee" in the amended law accounts for an additional 350,000 to be covered by social security. This new definition extends Federal insurance to full-time life insurance salesmen, agent-drivers of commission drivers engaged in distributing meat or bakery products, vegetables or fruit products, beverages (other than milk), or laundry or traveling or city salesmen (other than house-to-house salesmen) are included.

Still excepted from social security coverage are farm operators, ministers and members of religious orders, and certain self-employed professional people.

A new type of payment is mothers' insurance benefits. These are monthly payments to a mother who has in her care a child entitled to monthly insurance benefits. Separation or divorce from the wage earner does not prevent the mother's receipt of monthly benefits, provided the wage earner was furnishing the greater part of her support. This changes the former law which did not permit payment to wives who were divorced, and did not permit payment to the wife of a retired wage earner until she reached age 65. If she has children under 18, she may now receive benefits when her husband retires, even if she is under 65.

The amount of the benefit paid to dependent parents (in cases where the parent was dependent on a deceased worker and where no widow or child can be entitled to benefits) was raised from half the worker's benefit to three-fourths. The monthly benefit for the first child, in the case of a deceased wage earner, was also raised from half to three-fourths of the worker's benefits.

The benefits will continue to be paid for in the same way—by payroll taxes on the workers and employers involved—but since self-employed as well as employed persons are now covered, a new way of collecting part of the taxes was called for. Self-employed persons will report their annual earnings and pay their special social security tax (2¼% to start with) when they make their income tax returns at the end of each year.

Present tax rates will more than pay for the increased benefits at first, but higher contributions will be necessary as more people retire, or die. The law provides that employee and employer will pay 1½% of pay rolls through 1953, 2% until the end of 1959, 2½% until the end of 1964, 3% until the end of 1969, and 3¼% thereafter. Only the first $3600 of wages in a year will be taxed. This represents an increase from the $3,000 wage base which has been in effect since 1937.

The new law gives wage credits of $160 per month toward old-age and survivors benefits for military service in World War II. These wages are to be used in computing all monthly benefits payable on the basis of veterans' wage records after 1949, whether the veteran died in service or after discharge, and regardless of whether pension or compensation is paid by the Veterans Administration.

Included in the social security program for the first time, and under special conditions, are household workers regularly employed in private homes. Household workers, including maids, cooks, laundresses, practical nurses, gardeners, chauffeurs, etc., will receive credit only for their cash wages, and will not be covered by the law at all unless they are employed 24 days or more and their cash wages are at least $50 in a calendar quarter.

Regular farm workers including household workers in farm homes, will be covered by social security beginning in January. To be affected, the worker must be employed by one farm operator for a period of not less than five months and those months must fall within two calendar quarters. After full three months employment in the first quarter, the employee must work for the same employer in the second quarter not less than 60 days with cash wages of at least $50 for work in that quarter. This bars occasional or seasonal farm workers and itinerant harvesters from coverage under the new social security law.

All Taft Attacks On Mobilization Bill Have Fizzled

Washington (LPA).—Sen. Robert A. Taft (R., Ohio) took the floor August 11 to make a much-heralded speech against the home-front mobilization bill approved by the Senate Banking Committee. He was promptly taken apart by two members of his own party who support the bill.

Sen. Irving Ives (R., N.Y.) defended the measure as reported. Taft had insisted earlier in the day that "if we were engaged in a third World War, I would not hesitate for a moment to grant every power here sought . . . The question is whether any emergency exists today."

Retorted Ives, "As everyone should recognize, Korea may well be only the first symptom of a whole rash of Soviet-sponsored aggressions. It is this very impossibility of accurate prediction that makes failure to prepare for any eventuality a frightful gamble."

And Morse, interrupting Ives' speech, asserted that "The chips are down on the table of international relations in the world . . . There is only one language the Russians leaders understand now—total mobilization" of industry and manpower of the U.S.

"It makes me sick in the pit of my stomach," Morse said, to see "the greed that has been manifested in this country since the start of the Korean conflict." He wanted to know, and Ives answered in the affirmative, that there was enough power granted the President in the bill to bring about total mobilization on the home front.

Taft insisted that price controls just wouldn't work, that they resulted in black markets and evasions of rationing regulations, that it would take perhaps 500,000 federal employees to administer controls.

16 States to Hold September Primaries

Sixteen states will hold primaries next month:

Arizona—September 12.
Colorado—September 12.
Georgia—September 13.
Maine—September 11 (general election).
Maryland—September 18.
Massachusetts—September 19.
Michigan—September 12.
Minnesota—September 12.
Nevada—September 5.
New Hampshire—September 12.
New York—September 19.
Rhode Island—September 18 (Democratic). September 27 (Republican).
Utah—September 5.
Vermont—September 12.
Washington—September 12.
Wisconsin—September 19.

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July Wage Gains Average 7½ Cents

(State Fed. Release)

Collective bargaining negotiations on behalf of some 67,000 AFL and allied trade unionists in California brought wage gains averaging 7½ cents an hour during July.

Plumbers in 46 northern California counties gainst 12½ cents. Safeway retail clerks achieved a $2.00 per week boost in the San Francisco Bay area while Los Angeles and San Diego bakers gained 5c and a five-day, 40-hour week.

Statistics listed below have been compiled from labor press reports:

BUILDING TRADES

Electrical Workers 617, San Mateo, AND Consolidated Western Steel Corp., South San Francisco: 6½c, July 1950.

Lumber & Sawmill Workers 2288 and 1407; Building Material Drivers 420 and 692; Operating Engineers 235, Los Angeles County, AND lumber yards, planing mills, sash and door factories, lumber handling docks: 7½c and other improvements; effective July 1, 1950; 6,500 workers.

Millmen 1495, Chico, AND six lumber companies: 7½c, effective July 1, 1950; 450 workers.

Operating Engineers 3, San Francisco, AND Natomas Co, Folsom area: 3c, retroactive to May 1, 1950; 200 workers.

Painters 1115, Stockton, AND employers: 12½c for brush workers, effective Oct. 10, 1950; 8c for glaziers, effective July 10, 1950.

Plumbers, 46 northern California counties, AND employers: 12½c effective July 17, 1950; 10,000 workers.

CLERKS

Retail Food Clerks 870 and 1179, Alameda and Contra Costa counties, AND Safeway: $2 per week, July 1950; 400 workers.

Retail Grocery Clerks 648, San Francisco, AND Safeway: $2 per week to a welfare fund, July 1950; 350 workers.

Retail Clerks 1428, Ontario, AND Newberry's: $1.50 to $2 per week, improved conditions, June 1950.

Retail Dept. Store Employees 1100, San Francisco, AND Sears Roebuck: $2.50 to $5, effective Aug. 1, 1950; 250 workers.

Retail Clerks 373, Vallejo, AND food store employers: $2 per week to health and welfare plan, July 1, 1950.

CULINARY

Bartenders & Culinary Workers 483, Monterey, AND Monterey Peninsula Hotel & Restaurant Assn.: improvements in wages, vacations, holidays; July 18, 1950.

METAL TRADES

Blacksmiths 168, Bay Area, AND California Metal Trades Assn. and independents: 6½c, one additional paid holiday, health and welfare program; July 1950; 800 workers.

Blacksmiths 212, Los Angeles, AND Plomb Tool Co.: 4c, improved vacations; AND Mills Iron Works: 6c plus profit-sharing; July 1950.

Machinists, North Hollywood, AND Airquipment Co.: 8c, retroactive to April 9, 1950; 3c effective April 9, 1951; improved overtime; 150 workers.

Machinists 504, San Jose, AND Santa Cruz Portland Cement Co., Davenport: 5c retroactive to May 1950.

Machinists District Lodge 115 (seven locals), Alameda, Contra Costa and San Francisco counties, AND California Metal Trades Association: 6½c, effective July 1, 1950; 15,000 members directly and 10,000 more indirectly.

Molders 164, Bay Area, AND 60 foundries: 6½c, one additional paid holiday, improved holiday clause; effective July 1, 1950; 3,500 workers.

Pacific Coast Metal Trades, California, Oregon, Washington, AND master shipyards (new ship and ship repair): 6c for all classifications, and other gains, including adjustment in shift period pay; July 1, 1950; 6,000 workers.

Sheet Metal Workers 272 and 252, San Mateo and Fresno, AND employers: 6¼c, effective July 1950, and health and welfare plan (about 6¼c) effective Oct. 1, 1950.

TEAMSTERS

Teamsters 137, Marysville, AND 13 dairies (fluid milk): 20c; July 1950.

Chauffeurs & Teamsters 150, Sacramento, AND dairies (drivers and production workers): 50c a day, retroactive to May 1, 1950; 360 workers.

Sales Drivers 296, San Jose, AND dairy industry (drivers): 25c to 35c a day, June 1950; 250 workers.

Truck Drivers 381, Santa Maria and San Luis Obispo, AND wholesale beer and liquor firms: $4.50 per week, effective July 1, 1950.

Retail Milk Drivers & Salesmen 441, Los Angeles, AND 11 independent milk distributors: uniform starting hours; July 1950.

Teamsters 490, Solano County, AND ice truckers: 5c, effective July 1, 1950.

Automotive Teamsters 576, San Jose, AND wholesale milk supply plants: 10½c; July 1950; 25 workers.

General Truck Drivers 624, San Rafael, AND Marin dairy owners: 45c a day, retroactive to February 1950; 110 workers.

GAIN PAY INCREASE

Washington—Wage increases and a special vacation allowance were won by agents employed by the Sun Life Insurance Company of Washington, D. C., in a new contract negotiated by the AFL National Federation of Insurance Agents' Council.

Labor to be Full Partner Secretary Tobin Says

Washington, D. C. (ILNS)—"No group in the United States has shown more clearly its profoundly felt endorsement of steps taken to protect free-peoples and to bolster world peace than American organized labor," Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin told the New York State Federation of Labor convention at the Hotel Commodore, New York.

"The work done by American trade unions in the international field deserves the appreciation of all Americans," Tobin continued. "One of our strongest weapons in the fight to keep foreign unionists from succumbing to Communist propaganda and chicanery is the American labor movement. Always at the focal point of the struggle, American labor is mainly responsible for the formation of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, which is vigorously at work abroad as a democratic force, offsetting Communist appeals and intrigues, and spreading the doctrine of free labor in a free world."

Tobin said that the place which labor has won is "strikingly demonstrated" by the announcement July 27 by Chairman W. Stuart Symington of the National Security Resources Board that the board is setting up a national committee as a consultative body on major policy questions. The committee will have 12 members, representing equally labor, agriculture, industry, and the public.

FULL STATURE ATTAINED

"Labor is therefore to be at the head of the table with respect to the mobilization of our resources," Tobin said. "It is also to be a full partner in every sphere of government activity. This is a recognition not merely of labor's rights but of the zeal it has shown in the current emergency. It is a recognition of labor's indispensability as a driving force for higher and higher production. **It is proof that American labor has attained full stature and is honored accordingly, when a democracy like ours faces the grave crisis which besets our country."**

Strikes Grow Under T-H

Another false claim made by the champions of the Taft-Hartley Act has been shattered. In a recent Bureau of Labor Statistic report, a survey showed T-H has not brought peace to industries.

T-H backers claimed industries would run more smoothly before the Act became law.

The survey reveals that during the first six months of this year, man-days of work lost by stoppages totaled 23,100,000. That's two and a half times the average for the five pre-war years while the Wagner Act was law.

There have been more strikes, more man-days lost and more workers involved in strikes in each of three years since T-H than during the five years under the Wagner Act.

Far from creating industrial peace, T-H has caused more discontent and strife than could be caused by any other single means.

Are You Registered?

Peak Power Demand in PG&E Area Up

The Pacific Gas and Electric Company last week served the greatest peak in power demand in the history of Northern and Central California. Peak power loads mean more work for IBEW members.

The new all-time record peak demand was more than 2½ million kilowatts—2,519,000 to be exact. This will probably be the peak for 1950. Generating capacity still available over and above that figure was 476,000 kilowatts, a margin of 19 per cent. This did not include capacity available through inter-connection with other power companies. At the time of the peak the company had 104,000 kilowatts in old steam plants shut down cold.

The new peak represented an increase of 209,000 kilowatts over the 1949 record, which was established July 27, 1949. It was 123 per cent greater than the pre-war peak of ten years ago.

MORE PLANT PLANNED

Of the total generating capacity available in the area, 83 per cent is in P. G. & E. plants and 17 per cent in the plants of the Central Valley Project and other producers, including municipalities and districts.

Construction of another 500,000 kilowatts is well along and will be finished by next summer—200,000 in the Moss Landing plant on Monterey Bay and 300,000 in the Contra Costa plant near Antioch. This will complete the addition of more than 1,300,000 kilowatts to the P. G. & E. system since the war ended.

The first contract has been awarded for a 33,000 kilowatt Bear River development in Amador County, which will complete the Mokelumne River project. P. G. & E. is also ready to begin construction of three plants with an installed capacity of 279,000 kilowatts on the North Fork of the Kings River in Fresno County immediately upon receiving final approval from the Federal Power Commission in Washington.

Other new power projects, both hydroelectric and steam, are being planned.

Contracts Accepted For Road Building

Butte County—Contract for surfacing 9.2 miles of Federal-Aid Secondary Highway 757 between 2 miles east of Chico and Paradise at an approximate cost of $112,-232.42. A. G. Raisch Co., contractor. Accepted Aug. 15, 1950.

Tulare County—Contract for the construction of 6.0 miles of FAS Highway 1137 on Lovers' Lane between State Route 134 and 6 miles north at an aproximate cost of $126,652. George E. France, Inc., contractor. Accepted Aug. 18, 1950.

Mendocino County—Contract for cleaning and painting two bridges across Alder Creek and Greenwood Creek at an approximate cost of $3,578. R. W. Reade and Company, contractor. Accepted Aug. 18, 1950.

Humboldt County—Contract for the construction of 3.8 miles on State Route, between 0.5 mile south of State Lagoon Summit and one mile south of Orick, at an approximate cost of $673,180.25. Piembo Construction Co., contractor. Accepted Aug. 18, 1950.

San Bernardino County — Contract for constructing cottages at Wheaton Wash Maintenance Station at an approximate cost of $28,-250. The Mahoney-Morrison Co., contractor. Accepted Aug. 18, 1950.

San Joaquin County — Contract for painting a bridge across Old River about 18 miles west of Stockton at an approximate cost of $20,-900. George L. McMahon Co., contractor. Accepted Aug. 18, 1950.

Oil wells in West Texas two decades ago were producing petroleum from depths of a few hundred to a few thousand feet; many wells in the area now produce from 10,000-foot depths.

Sweeney Tells 'Em Register and Vote

Columbus, O.—Ohio Secretary of State Charles F. Sweeney has issued special instructions to the county boards of elections in Ohio on the registration of voters.

The essence of his orders is "Give every citizen a chance to vote."

"A very small percentage of the eligible voters in Ohio are voting in our elections," Mr. Sweeney begins.

His final words ought to get every voter out of his chair and qualified not only in Ohio but in whatever state these words are read. Mr. Sweeney concluded:

"It is my sincere desire that all possible opportunities for registration and transfer be extended to the voters of Ohio in counties having registration.

"Your earnest and sincere attention to this very important matter of registration is requested and I am sure your Board of Elections will cooperate with the office of Secretary of State so that every eligible voter in counties having registration will have the opportunity to register and transfer.

"It is not only a privilege but a duty for all eligible voters to vote and it is, likewise, the duty of the office of Secretary of State and the local County Board of Elections to do everything possible to give the voters an opportunity to be registered in the best possible convenient manner.'

GREAT NEED EXISTS FOR LOW COST HOMES FOR POOR PEOPLE

There were many developments last week on the housing front. Perhaps the most improsing was a cleancut declaration by the National Housing Conference.

From its name, it might be supposed that this organization is a lobby. But as someone observed, it is "a lobby on the right side." In other words, for people who need housing the most.

The N.H.C. feels that the housing shortage will be greatly intensified in many areas because of the mobilization program, so it offered President Truman a number of suggestions to curb real estate speculators and to insure production of the maximum number of permanent, moderate-priced homes and low-rental housing.

LIMIT LUXURY TYPE FIRST

Materials should be allocated and prices stabilized at June levels, the Conference declared. Also, limitations should be placed first upon non-essential construction and luxury housing.

The N.H.C. stressed further that the program of decent housing for low-income families should not be cut back, as it will use only a minimum of materials in meeting one of the greatest needs.

SUGGESTS PRIORITIES

Construction of such facilities as schools, hospitals, sewers and other utilities in areas where they are needed should have high priority, the Conference said.

Finally, Uncle Sam should hold on to permanent housing which the government built during World War II so that it will not fall into the hands of speculators.

The A.F.L. Executive Council, meeting in Chicago, expressed its disappointment over the restriction of housing before any attempt was made to limit non-essential non-residential construction, and urged that "our entire national housing policy be reconsidered immediately." Also the council proposed strengthening of rent controls.

INCREASE DIFFICULTIES

The hike in down payments makes it still more difficult for average families to obtain new privately-built housing, while the curtailment of public housing strikes a blow at low-income families, the A.F.L. leaders pointed out.

"All classes of luxury housing should be directly prohibited," they emphasized. "This will result in conserving building materials and manpower and at the same time will permit a more equitable distribution of new housing under the various income groups."

Further, the council declared that the cooperative housing program, which was recently beaten by the Real Estate Lobby, is now more necessary than ever.

RENT CONTROLS

In Los Angeles, the Real Estate Lobby put one over on the people when the city council, by a vote of 10 to 4, held that rent ceilings are no longer needed in the "glamor city."

However, with the boys going into the armed forces there is more reason than ever for extending and strengthening rent controls from the greedy landlords represented by the Lobby.

Recognizing this President Truman requested recommendations from Housing Expediter Tighe E. Woods for tightening up controls.

French Problems Must Be Faced or France Goes Down

Washington.—The standard of living of French workers must be improved if France is to remain a stronghold of democracy in Western Europe. This was the unanimous opinion voiced by three American trade unionists who have just completed a survey of the industrial centers of France.

The three, J. William Belanger, president of the Massachusetts CIO Industrial Union Council; Harold Gibbons, secretary-treasurer of Local 688 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, AFL; and Carmen Lucia, vice-president of the South Eastern Region of the United Hatters International Union, AFL, spent six weeks in France at the request of the Economic Cooperation Administration and were asked to submit their observations and recommendations for the future planning of the European Recovery Program in France. During their study tour the trio visited Lille, Tourcoing, Roubaix, Paris, Lyon, St. Etienne, and Marseille, where they talked with the rank and file workers, trade union leaders, industrialists and government officials.

The first two years of the Marshall Plan, the group found, were no doubt necessarily devoted to getting into France food supplies, raw materials and machinery to enable France to restore its industrial economy. This has, to a great extent, been accomplished. But all three were unanimously agreed that unless a program can now be worked out whereby the French government and French industry, with advice and assistance from the U. S. Government, the Organization for European Economic Cooperation, and the trade unions through their international activities, can improve the three basic living standard items of food, clothing and shelter, the French people will not be strong enough to resist totalitarian agression.

The group is submitting specific recommendations to the ECA and, through their unions, to the trade union movement of the United States.

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Curtailment of Mail Deliveries Still in Effect

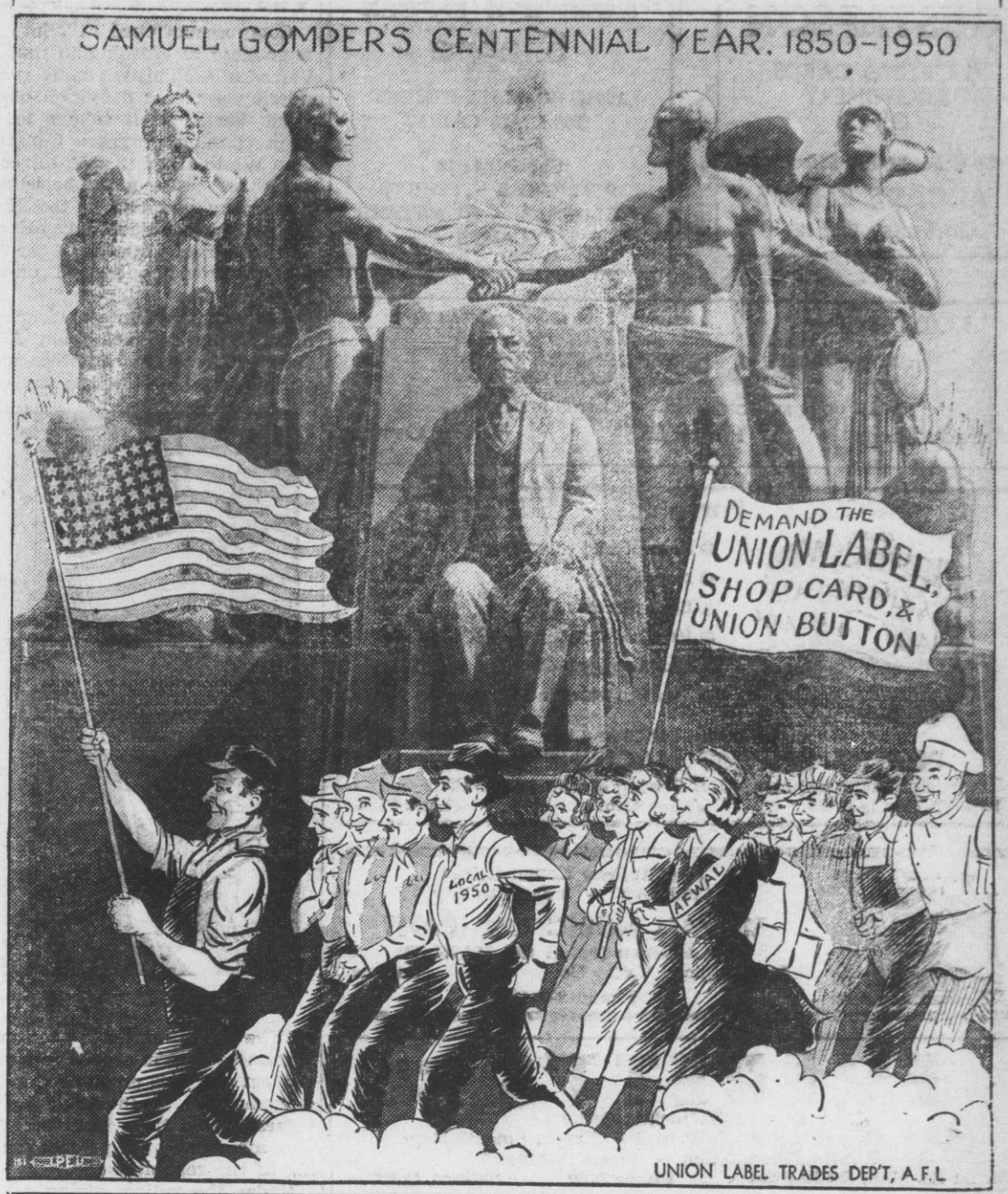
In a letter remaining all who are interested that the recent order to curtail mail deliveries is not rescinded yet but is still in force, K. E. Francis says:

"The House on Wednesday passed the Morrison bil H.R. 8195—a bill to rescind the curtailment order of the Postmaster General, issued April 17, 1950. The vote on the final passage of the measure was 264 to 108.

"No doubt those people that need and deserve two mail deliveries a day, directory service for their letters, and more convenient window hours, will rejoice in this news.

"But the curtailment order is not rescinded. The Senate must still take the same favorable action on this bill and President Truman must sign the measure. The fight is only one-third over and the public must continue to register their protest to their Senators to insure the fact that similar action will be taken in the Senate in the very near future."

Union Label Week, Sept. 2-9, 1950



During the period of September 2-9, celebrations for Union Label Week will be held throughout America. The ceremonies will take various forms but they will all be for the same great cause — the American labor cause — which is responsible for the high labor standards and prosperous conditions in our land today. To maintain our high living standards, we are inaugurating a general crusade to urge all consumers to patronize only firms that display the Union Label, Shop Card and Button. "Go UNION—Buy LABEL!" is our motto.

MATTHEW WOLL, President, UNION LABEL TRADES DEPARTMENT, AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR

Shelley Tells Congress Point Four Would Help Fight Dictators

Washington.—Rep. John J. Shelley of California, president California State Federation of Labor, told the House that President Truman's Point 4 plan for technical assistance to underdeveloped areas would help workers fight dictator totalitarians.

Following are excerpts from his speech:

"Point 4 will unlock the door of the vast store of technical competence of our own country and of the other industrialized countries.

"It will make available by one bold stroke our boundless knowledge in the fields where they are lacking—in education, health, resource development, agriculture, and help them begin to understand the complex problems of industrial organization and human relations.

"We propose to do this directly ourselves and through the machinery of the United Nations and its specialized agencies: the Food and Agriculture Organizations, the World Health Organization and the International Labor Organization.

"I would like particularly to emphasize the labor aspects of Point 4. We know that workers are the first target of totalitarian attack, for the totalitarians know full well that if they can control and manipulate the workers they have the powerful strategic organization to create the chaos which must precede their assumption of power.

"We must make sure that the benefits of economic development become available to all the people in these underdeveloped lands, and that is the nub and the purpose and the objective of Point 4.

"Raising the standards of living and working, enhance the dignity of human beings, and promoting economic and social freedom are the fundamental reasons for the Point 4 program.

"It is clear that there are two major elements involved:

"First, to train workers in the skills necessary to increase their productivity which our employers and workers, as well as the Labor Department and the International Labor Organization, can provide.

"Second, and no less important, to help workers, employers and governments of the underdeveloped countries to improve labor standards so that the benefits will seep right down through to all the people."

CANADA'S LIVING COSTS SOAR

Ottawa, Canada.—Living costs hit a new high in July when the Canadian Cost of Living index rose to 167.5, a rise of 2.1 points from June.

The index a year ago stood at 162.1 and was 135.9 in July 1947.

The government said high food prices and rising rents, which the government permitted to go up 20 per cent last December, contributed to the new peak.

LIBERALS TO CONGRESS WHEN EVERYONE VOTES

How can you be sure that the next Congress will be better than this one? You can be certain of that by voting November 7. It's as simple as that.

Election expert Louis Bean, who predicted the outcome of the 1948 elections in the summer of that year, shows the importance of a big election day turn-out in his book, "The Midterm Battle."

In 1940 more than 45 million votes were cast for Congressmen. A pretty good Congress was elected. In 1942 less than 30 million went to the polls. In 1943 you got the anti-labor Smith-Connally act. The act called for a "cooling-off" period before strikes and barred political contributions by unions.

Again, in 1944 the vote for Congressmen climbed to about 45 million. Then in 1946 the vote in the Congressional elections dropped to 35 million. And in 1947 you got the Taft-Hartley act.

Finally, in 1948 the vote for Congressmen shot up past 45 million. And, of course, you got the 81st Congress.

Bean points out the present Congress would have been much more liberal than it now is, if the vote in 1948 had been "normal." He says that ever since 1940 there have been about 10 million "lost" voters.

By that he means that the increase in voters has not kept up with the increase in the number of persons over 21 since 1940.

The moral for labor is: Get out and vote.—Register Now.

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Trying to Correct Veterans Farm Law

Congressman Cecil F. White has announced in Washington that the Veterans Administration is reconsidering a recent definition of the word "farm" as it relates to the farm training program. Congressman White asked the VA to reconsider the matter when he learned that many veterans in the Ninth District were unfavorably affected by the present phrasing of the regulation providing for GI on-the-farm training.

Congressman White made public a letter he received from A. L. Combes, Veterans Administration official, in which Combes stated:



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"The whole matter is now under reconsideration in accord with your request and it is probable that the outcome will be favorable to the veterans who have been unfavorably affected by the present phrasing of the regulations."

Under the ruling, giving a new definition for a "farm" many California veterans engaged in specialty farming, such as poultry raising or livestock, would be ineligible to receive training under the GI educational legislation, Congressman White stated.

"I am very hopeful that the matter will be satisfactorily adjusted so there will be no discrimination against California veterans," White declared. "I am certainly going to insist that their rights are not jeopardized simply because we engage in more specialized farming in our area than is done in many other sections of the country."

Wage Raise Averts Telephone Walkout

St. John, N. B. (ILNS).—A 5 per cent increase in wages and the union or closed shop as represented by the union dues checkoff and maintenance of membership, are provided by an agreement entered into in behalf of Local 1472, International Brotherhod of Electrical Workers and the New Brunswick Telephone Co.

The agreement averted a strike threatened because of the failure of the local and company to reach an agreement for several weeks. The local had asked for a 10 per cent wage raise and a 40-hour, 5-day working week. The agreement does not affect working hours. Representing the local in the negotiations was H. C. Tracy, international representative of IBEW, who came from Toronto. Concessions in wage and hour requests were made by the local in reaching the final agreement.

Unionization was completed about a year ago, over the very formidable objections of the company, a monopoly, and a one-year agreement made. Until the IBEW and AFL organizers started on their task, the monopoly had successfully resisted all efforts to unionize any of the employees. Linked with the company is the New Brunswick Publishing Co., operating the only two dailies in St. John. A broadcasting station is also affiliated.

Glycerin, long obtained from fats, can now be made synthetically from petroleum.

Haggerty Protests Rider To Social Security Bill

(State Fed. Release)

C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the California State Federation of Labor, this week condemned James G. Bryant, Director of the State Department of Employment, for his sponsorship of the notorious Knowland rider appended to the liberalized social security measure recently adopted by Congress.

The Knowland rider gives State employment agencies the power to force unemployed workers to crash picket lines or be denied unemployment benefits.

Haggerty charged that Bryant, "in protest against U.S. Labor Department rulings against California unemployment procedures, jeopardized passage of a measure which will bring genuine benefits to thousands of California workers, and which marks the first progressive change in the Social Security Law since its inception."

The State Federation head further claimed:

"Bryant induced Senator Knowland to author the rider out of pique because the Federal Government caught his department in an improper ruling. We particularly resent his failure to discuss his plan to introduce this measure in Washington with any organized labor spokesman. He took it up solely with the employer group, and came up with a method of avoiding compliance with Federal law and undermining the whole principle of Federal standards in the Social Security Law."

In a special trip to the nation's capital, Haggerty last month contacted Senator Knowland before he introduced the rider, asking that he abandon the proposed anti-labor attachment to the social security bill.

Specifically, the Knowland amendment provides that States may ignore the present limited standards of the Federal unemployment insurance law without fear of corrective action on the part of the Secretary of Labor until a long series of State court hearings have been held on the given dispute, thus often denying benefits to unemployed workers at the time when they are most needed.

The Knowland amendment was apparently inspired by cases arising late in 1949 when the U.S. Department of Labor found that California and Washington had violated Federal standards by denying unemployment benefits to certain workers seeking State aid.

President Urged To Push Housing

Washington, D. C. (ILNS).—More than 20 organizations, including the National Housing Conference and the National Council of Catholic Charities joined in warning here that the housing shortage would get worse as a result of the Korean war and in urging that the government aid building of essential dwellings.

Spokesmen for groups representing labor, churches, veterans and minority groups delivered the warning in a joint letter to President Truman. They urged him to act at once to relieve the housing problem.

They said the President's only housing action as a result of the Korean war so far, in which he clamped down on housing credit and curtailed the government's public housing program had been one to restrict the field of low rent public housing.

"We urge that a national housing policy be established," the letter said, "to channel labor and materials available for civilian use into the production of a maximum number of standard permanent homes, single or multiple, private and public, at the lowest possible rentals or sales prices."

Specific recommendations included allocation of materials, stabilization of materials prices, limitations on non-essential building, continuation of the public housing program, granting of priorities for construction of such things as schools and hospitals, and halting the demolition of wartime homes still under government control.

An estimated 3,000,000,000,000 tons of coal, or about 48 per cent of known world reserves, are in the United States, the Bureau of Mines reveals. With the exception of fissionable materials, coal constitutes more than 90 per cent of the nation's mineral fuel-energy reserves.

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